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FROM THE TOP

The Navy's conversion to the new DJMS pay system has personally affected every one of us. This is a massive undertaking and a difficult evolution for the Navy as a whole. Understand your new LES. Know what your pay is and monitor it closely.

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FROM THE OIC: *There is so much going on in the world of disbursing that this issue of the Scuttlebutt is dedicated almost entirely to disbursing issues. Next month's issue will be back to normal!*

MARY BLANKENSHIP, LT, USN
Officer in Charge, PSD Vaihingen

CMC'S CORNER: Want some excitement in your life? Looking for some interesting way to spend your free time? Want to build your resume? Consider Volunteering! The Stuttgart Military community needs volunteers just like any community. There are numerous places to volunteer, contact the ACS, the elementary or highschool near you, or the USO. The Navy promotes volunteerism, for further information contact Cathy Reynolds at 07031-15-458 or DSN 4312-458, the Installation Volunteer Coordinator.

Know a Patch High School Senior? Let them know that the Patch High School guidance office has applications for the Stuttgart Community Scholarship Awards. Completed applications must be submitted by 16 March 1998. See the guidance counselor for criteria.

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WORLDWIDE WEB ADDRESSES: Some commonly accessed WWW Navy addresses are:

BUPERS homepage:

<http://www.navy.mil/homepage/bupers/>

Navy Homepage:

<http://www.navy.mil/>

EUCOM Web Site:

<http://www.eucom.mil/>

DFAS Lane:

<http://www.dfas.mil/>

DoD Per Diem Rates:

<http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>

CNET Homepage (for BIBs, PARs, etc)

<http://www.cnet.navy.mil/>

TRICARE on line:
www.tso.osd.mil

UPCOMING PROMOTIONS TO E-2 AND E-3: DKSA Diaz is scheduled to be promoted to DKSJN on March 15.

PAY AND ALLOWANCES QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

(From the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Link newsletter)

Q: Will the DJMS LES look different than the previous one?

A: Yes. The Navy will now use the same LES that the Army and Air Force have been using. The Marine Corps is currently not part of DJMS and their LES will continue to look the same. There are some differences you should be aware of:

- There is a difference in the way BAH (formerly BAQ) is reflected on the LES. If a service family lives in government quarters, the allowance will be entered under entitlements and then shown as a deduction on the LES.
- There is a change in the code for an allotment that repays a NMCRS loan. For active duty Navy personnel, the allotment will be coded as a "T" allotment rather than an "L".

Q: What is BAH?

A: Basic Allowance for Housing will replace BAQ and VHA. Currently, the BAH is a combination of BAQ and VHA; however, in the future it will be determined by the actual cost of housing in a given area. It will be based on the zip code where the servicemember is stationed rather than where the family members reside. There are a few exceptions to this rule such as a servicemember who is not authorized to move the family to the new duty station. Like the old BAQ/VHA, this allowance is not designed to cover 100% of housing costs, but the future goal is that it will pay more than the current 80%.

Q: What are the new features of BAS?

A: BAS reform is designed to be more equitable to all servicemembers. It will no longer be tied to pay increases, but to the food cost index established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Those servicemembers who receive subsistence in kind (have a chow pass) will also receive a partial BAS payment, currently \$9.30 per month, to pay for an occasional snack between meals. Over the next four to six years, partial BAS will increase to an amount of approximately \$30 per month. During this same time the full BAS amount will increase at a slower rate in order to bring the two allowances into alignment.

Q: Are there changes in other allowances?

A: As many of you are aware, Family Separation Allowance Type II (FSA) has been raised to \$100. FSA Type I has been renamed Family Separation Basic Allowance for Housing (FSBAH). This allowance will be paid using BAH Type II chart without dependent rate. FSBAH is paid to servicemembers assigned to permanent duty outside of CONUS or in Alaska when government quarters are not available. To qualify for FSBAH, the servicemember's eligible family members must not be residing at or near his permanent duty station and they are not authorized to move to or near his permanent duty station at the government's expense.

NAVY DISBURSING NEWS: On 98FEB02 a new system of financial reporting was implemented in the European theater. This system allows PSD to verify Navy accounting data before payment of travel claims and reimbursement claims are paid. Upon submitting a travel claim to PSD, the accounting data will be verified through this system. If the accounting is not on file, the claim will not be accepted by PSD. The main reason for this system is to ensure that the command funding the claim is the correct command that gets charged once the accounting data makes its way through the system in DFAS-CL. This system is updated daily from information in Jacksonville, FL. If there is a problem with the accounting data, it will have to be corrected before PSD will accept the claim. PSD can help with identifying the problem, but we cannot correct it. You can call the travel section at PSD and verify the accounting data before claims are submitted. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to DK2 McGinness at DSN 430-8549 or e-mail Mcginnes@hq.eucom.mil

Did you know that...

...The Women, Infants, and Young Children (WIC) Program will provide temporary relief to families who are nutritionally deprived? Federally-funded, this program provides nutrition education to help improve eating habits, and supplemental food vouchers to buy specific foods important for good health. Women must be pregnant, breastfeeding, or have children under the age of five. Participants must meet health and income guidelines. WIC vouchers are used like checks to buy specific foods at your local grocery store or commissary. Contact ACS if you think you qualify for assistance under this program.

Navy Relief POC is LT Blankenship at the PSD.

Your First Resource..

Not your last resort!

PASSPORT PRICES HAVE RISEN: Just a quick note from your Navy Passport Representative. The prices for passports, reports of birth and visas have changed as follows: Contact PNSN Herzberg with any questions.

REPORT OF BIRTH: from \$10.00 to \$40.00

RENEWAL: from \$55.00 to \$40.00

US PASSPORT (ADULT): from \$65.00 to \$60.00

US IMMIGRANT VISA: from \$170.00 to \$260.00

US PASSPORT (MINOR): from \$40.00 to \$40.00

ISSUANCE FEE: from \$30.00 to \$65.00

US NONIMMAGRANT VISA: \$20.00 to \$45.00

MARCH 1998 ACTIVE DUTY NAVY WIDE ADVANCEMENT EXAM: The following individuals are Time in Rate eligible and examinations have been ordered for these individuals. Examinees should muster at 0730 with ID Cards and non-programmable calculators, if required. Please notify the PSD if rate-specific materials are required. If you name does not appear on this list and it should, please contact PN1(SW/AW) Kelly ASAP!

E4 EXAMINATION:

3 March, LT Blankenship's Office

<u>Examinee's Name:</u>	<u>Command:</u>
PNSN Herzberg	PSD
CTASN Lewis	BA
CTRSN Sovey	BA

E5 EXAMINATION:

5 March, LT Blankenship's Office

<u>Examinee's Name:</u>	<u>Command:</u>
CTA3 Crane	BA
CTM3 Cumby	ECJ2
CTM3 Hanna	BA
CTA3 Jackson	DCS Rheinmain
MM3 Lynton	NSWU2
YN3 Rochon	ECJ4
CTR3 Schuh	BA
CTR3 Watson	BA

E6 EXAMINATION:

10 March, Fellowship Hall (Across the hall from ACS)

<u>Examinee's Name:</u>	<u>Command</u>
CTA2 Benton	DCS Ramstein
CTR2 Bodman	BA
CTA2 Britton	ECJ3
CTA2 Costigan	BA
QM2 Destefano	NSWU2
CTR2 Dugan	BA
DM2 Garner	ECJ2
OS2 Gillespie	ECJ3
CTR2 Grigg	BA
OS2 Hamilton	SPACE COMMAND
RM2 Harris	NSWU2
CTR2 Houghlin	BA
CTR2 Jackowski	BA
DK2 James	PSD
OS2 Keyzer	SPACE COMMAND
CTR2 Kunz	BA

DP2 Leeheung	ECJ6
CTR2 Mahaffy	NCEUR
CTM2 Martin	NCEUR
DK2 McGinness	PSD
PN2 Parungao	DISA
CTR2 Peloquin	BA
CTR2 Penning	BA
CTA2 Romano	ECJ2
CTA2 Saye	ECJ2
DM2 Selander	ECJ2
CTA2 Schaffert	DCS Rheinmain
OS2 Singleton	SPACE COMMAND
CTM2 Starke	BA
RM2 Thomas	ECJ6
CTM2 Turner	BA
CTR2 Ventrice	BA
JO2 Wells	AFN
CM2 White	NSWU2
PN2 Zimmer	PSD

*****Note: All "BA" examinations will be administered at Bad Aibling Station*****

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